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Presents

The

Spitfire

Grill

Music and Book by James Vaea

Lyrics and Book by Fred Alley

Directed by Marc Hammes

Music Directed by Mandy Stertzbach

2025 Show Dates:

February 21, 22, 28, March 1, 7 & 8, 2025 at 8pm

March 2 & 9 at 2pm

March 4 at 7:30pm



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**Based on the film by Lee David Zlotoff**

**Directed by Marc Hammes**  
**Music Direction by Mandy Stertzbach**

**Assistant Directors:** Madison Travelo & Jen Harmon

**Stage Manager:** Maddison Travelo

**Projection Artist:** Daniel Hodges

**Projectionist:** Adelina Johnson

**Sound Operator:** Violet Regel

**Light Operator:** Lori Wainio

**Follow Spot Operator:** Jen Harmon

**Stage Crew:** Kyleigh Adams

**Headshot Photographer & Poster Design:** Kelley Channell Studio

**PLACE:** The Spitfire Grill in Gilead, Wisconsin

**TIME:** Present Day

*Produced by special arrangement with Concord Theatricals.*

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**Act I**

"A Ring Around the Moon"..... Percy  
 "Something's Cooking at the Spitfire Grill".....Company  
 "Out of the Frying Pan".....Percy  
 "When Hope Goes".....Shelby  
 "Ice and Snow".....Caleb, Joe and Effy  
 "The Colors of Paradise".....Percy and Shelby  
 "Digging Stone".....Caleb  
 "This Wide Woods".....Joe and Percy  
 "Forgotten Lullaby".....Hannah  
 "Shoot the Moon".....Hannah and Company

*- There will be one 15 minute intermission between Acts I and II -*

**Act II**

"Come Alive Again".....Hannah and Company  
 "Forest For the Trees".....Joe  
 "Wild Bird".....Shelby  
 "Shine".....Percy  
 "Way Back Home".....Hannah  
 "Dear Mrs. Ferguson".....Effy and Joe  
 "The Last Letters".....Shelby and Percy  
 "Finale".....Company

**Musicians**

Brian Smith - Guitar  
 Nee Cee Delk - Piano  
 Keiko Ishibashi - Violin



**THINK GREEN**



If you do not wish to keep the program as a souvenir, please drop it into one of the baskets located at the front and side doors as you leave the theater. Thank you!



## The Cast



Teresa Allen (**Ensemble**) is absolutely delighted to be working with such a talented group for her debut performance with On Stage! She has been involved, in some capacity, in theater since high school and since retiring from Barrow County Schools and marrying off all of her children last year, she now has time and energy to pursue this lifelong passion!



Samuel Camarena (**Visitor and Understudy for Caleb**) is a Senior at Walnut Grove High. He has had such a love and passion for theatre since he was young, and he's delighted to carry on this passion into college. This is his first show at On Stage, but hopes to partake in many more!



Savannah Carter (**Percy Talbott**) is ecstatic to be in another On Stage production! She has performed in theater for many years, but her favorite roles include Jo (*Little Women*), Marianne (*Disaster!*), Ariel (*Footloose*), and Baker's Wife (*Into the Woods*). This is her second show with this wonderful company and hopes you enjoy the show!



Emily Casey (**Shelby Thorpe**) is a graduate student at the University of Georgia, pursuing a Masters in Elementary Education. She currently teaches music at Stuever Studios and is a substitute teacher in Walton County. She has enjoyed being part of the On Stage family for the last decade, both performing in mainstage shows and leading music for the student workshops!



Daniel Hodges (**Joe Sutter**) is so excited to be working with On Stage once again! He has previously appeared in *The Drowsy Chaperone*, *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*, *Disaster!* and other On Stage productions. Daniel is a local dentist at Hodges Family Dentistry and enjoys sharing his love of musical theater with his son and wife.

## The Cast



Karly Pecua (**Hannah Ferguson**) is an aspiring actress/singer, amateur photographer, and gamer who lives with her fur-son, Tucker. Her most recent On Stage productions include *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change* and *The Complete Works of Shakespeare (Abridged)*. She dedicates her performance to her late grandfather, Clifford "Buz" Towe Jr.



Rowan Reid (**Effy Krayneck**) is excited for their first show at On Stage. They recently graduated from Morgan County High School where they played Lucy in *You're A Good Man Charlie Brown* and Adelaide in *Guys and Dolls*. Rowan thanks their parents for always coming to every show without fail.



Alyna Rojo (**Ensemble and Percy Understudy**) is a Senior at Loganville Christian Academy. She played Rosie (*Bye-Bye Birdie*), Elsa Schreider (*The Sound of Music*), and Ariel (*The Little Mermaid*). She loves musical theater and wants to eventually teach theater to encourage others to pursue their love for the arts.



Adam Smith (**Caleb Thorpe**) is a flight instructor at the Covington Municipal Airport. Although this is his first official stage production, he loves to sing and torment those around him with endless movie references. He is also a writer and voice-over artist in his spare time.



Charlize Smith (**Ensemble and Understudy for Shelby**) is a Senior at Walnut Grove High School. She is currently one of the Theater department Interns and President of the Thespian Society at her school. Past roles include Gretchen in *Mean Girls* and B.J. Steele in *A Piece of my Heart*. She loves storytelling and wants to change the world one show at a time!



Lori Wainio (**Understudy for Hannah Ferguson**) is excited to be back with On Stage. Most recently, she played Shirley Summers in *Disaster!* and helped direct last Fall's youth production. When she's not at the theater, you can catch her reading Storytime to the littles at the Library!

## Meet the Directors



Marc Hammes (**Director**) is the On Stage Artistic Director. After receiving degrees in Theater, Speech, English and Secondary Education, he has continued directing all age levels. Marc has directed many On Stage productions, including *The Giver*, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, *Bright Star*, and the On Stage Youth Acting Workshops. Break legs!



Mandy Stertzbach (**Musical Director**) is honored to serve On Stage once again. After directing the music for *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change* and *Disaster!*, Mandy is geared up once again to serve each actor and support them on their musical journey. Mandy is thrilled to work with talented return actors as well as new brilliant additions to the On Stage family. When she's not waving her arms in our theater, she and her husband are running Stertzbach Advisors, their Medicare insurance business. Mandy has two energetic high schoolers at home. Get ready to enjoy this organic heartfelt journey around the Moon!

### A Note from the Director:

I moved to Monroe, Georgia, thirteen years ago, when there were not many restaurants to choose from, and downtown pretty much closed when the sun set. The diner in *The Spitfire Grill* reminds me of a restaurant that was here in those days. I didn't know many people in town when I arrived. Both Monroe and I were unsure what direction we were headed, but look how far we have come!

This is a show about transformation, forgiveness, and homecoming. It speaks to our need to find friends and family and to build community around us. It reminds us that it is okay to be vulnerable and compassionate. To be honest, the depth of this story sneaked up on me, but as we worked, its complexity and truth became more and more apparent. I hope this will be one of those shows that offers you both laughter and tears and maybe even a glimpse of insight into your own need for a community that holds you up when you need help the most.

*Marc Hammes*



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## Artistic Director

Marc Hammes

*Thank You!*

To those who have made special contributions to this production:

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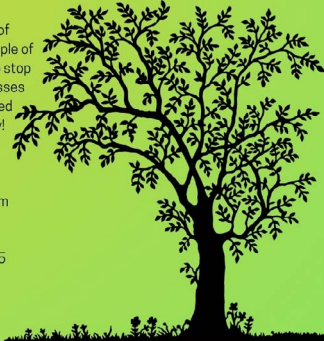
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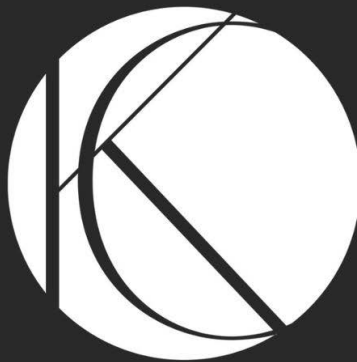


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